

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU)\_(a) Yes, Sir

- (b) 1 To improve telephone services at Agra following steps have been taken -

i) Replacement of old telephone instruments progressively in a phased manner

ii) Reduction of overhead lines by providing drop -wire and underground cables

iii) A phased programme for replacement of worn out life expired strowger exchange by providing electronic exchanges during the 8th Plan

- 2 To provide new telephone connections a 5000 line ICP cross bar exchange is being installed at Sanjay Place, Agra. In addition to above, a 5000 lines E-10 B and 2000 lines RLU is also proposed to be installed during 92-93

- 3 For providing telephone facilities to the general public and tourists at Agra, 132 local PCOs and 95 STD PCOs have been opened

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#### **Pro-Rata Wages to Extra Departmental Employees**

2068 SHRI B N REDDY, Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Finance Ministry has given clearance to the proposals sent by the Department of posts in regard to payment of pro-rata wages, pension, leave and other facilities to the Extra departmental Employees,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) No, Sir

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise

(c) Since they are only part-time agents of the department and not departmental employees, it has not been found feasible to extend them with such facilities as those applicable to departmental employees

#### **Construction of New Airport at Cochin**

2069 SHRI P C THOMAS Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a new airport at or near Cochin,

(b) whether any site has been selected and if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the funds sanctioned for the same and by what time construction work is likely to start and completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

#### **Proposal to Extend Length of Bangalore Airport Runway**

2070 SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether to attract international airlines to Bangalore, the International Airport Authority of India has decided to extend the length of Bangalore Airport runway,

(b) the total length of the runway to be extended,

(c) whether the extension of the runway would facilitate large aircraft such as Boeing 747-400

(d) whether the International Airport Authority of India also propose to extend all the International terminals of the country, and

(e) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise

(d) and (e) Since the size of the Eighth Plan is yet to be finalised, details have not been finalised

#### **Renovation of State Electricity Boards**

2071 SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether renewal and renovation programme of State Electricity Boards would receive a big boost by sanctioning of loan to the power sector by the World Bank,

(b) if so, the amount of loan to be sanctioned by the World Bank for the said programme,

(c) the extent the amount will be provided to State Electricity Boards,

(d) whether the number of schemes have

been formulated by the Board, and

(e) if so, the amount to be spent on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (e) A loan Agreement of US \$ 265 million has been signed with the World Bank on 14.2.1992 by the Power Finance Corporation (PFC), for "Power Utilities Efficiency Improvement Project" in the areas of upgradation of transmission & distribution system, Environmental upgrading of power plants, system renovation and institutional strengthening of identified State Electricity Boards (SEBs). Of this, an amount of US \$ 248 million has been allocated towards equipment and materials for the schemes of identified SEBs.

#### **Power Supply in Karnataka**

2072 SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has been experiencing hardship in power sector for the last 3 to 4 years,

(b) whether power shortage has affected the industries,

(c) if so, steps taken by the Government to improve the power supply in the state and

(d) if so, the extent the power supply is likely to be made available to Karnataka State during 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) The details of actual power supply position in Karnataka during the last four years i.e. 1987-88 to 1990-91 was as follows